Crowds follow, but to where does Jackson lead?

be their running mates is predeter- preacher in office. mining a heated battle between Jesse Jackson and Michael Dukakis.

run with Dukakis, and as wrong as the meek will inherent the earth. president deserve examination.

activist in the days of Martin Luther incompetent and unrealistic. King, and even then he had a feel good for the vice presidency.

preacher for years, the title seems change. grandiose at this point. And he must Of course, Jackson does have

The nominations have been realize that he is bucking a huge decided - Bush vs. Dukakis. portion of the population that, But the question of who will Christian or not, doesn't want a

Of course, his reasons for wanting to maintain this image are apparent. Some people believe Jackson has He wants to appeal to the downtrodearned the right to an invitation to den man, the one who believes that

it is to think that one can have the While a noble thought, Jackson "right" to be a running mate, Jack- needs to realize he is never going to son's qualifications to be a vice be elected without the support of some of the upper class. Holding on Jackson was an up-and-coming to naive ideals only makes him appear

As Jackson is very charismatic, it for the limelight. If there is one thing is easy to become entranced by his that Jackson is good at, it is getting eloquence and emotion - but he still people's attention. That could be sounds like a preacher. To be successful as a politician, you have to

But one disturbing part of the talk and look like a politician. That Jackson image is the title 'reverend.' may be a sad truth, but it isn't Since Jackson hasn't been a regular something that Jackson is likely to

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limited foreign relations experience to back him up. He has jetted around the world to talk to terrorists and negotiate with them. Overlooking the fact that negotiating with terrorists is not generally considered to be worth the jet lag, or possible Senate investigations, and that he had no power to back up anything he said, Jackson may really have had something there.

But in domestic affairs, the thought of Jackson having any fiscal power is scary. Watching leading economists fall repeatedly flat on their faces does not exactly inspire confidence in Jackson, who has no experience or background in monetary policy.

In direct contrast to Jackson is the

now that image is of a frowning, silent man who is shorter than his true height, with a name just as boring: George Bush.

Bush will probably be the next president, and his image will probably change. Indeed, the image seems more a result of his office than his personality. The fact that no incumbent vice president has been elected president in more than 150 years suggests a recurring theme.

While Jackson is flamboyant and outspoken, a showman and a showpiece, the vice presidency is shapeless and boring. Thumb-twiddling talent and looking good in black are the major qualifications, from what I've seen.

So think of what Jackson could do with it. He could give it shape, putting some clout behind his discussions with other nations' leaders, speaking out and generating some

image of the vice presidency. Right excitement. He could give meaning to a worthless post.

Of course, any president would be loathe to have a vice president who would outshine or contradict him. Even Jackson realizes that he would be heavily restricted as vice president. Plus, the thought of Jackson stepping in to replace a prematurely removed president tends to cause many peoples' hands to start twitching mysteriously.

While Jackson would be the perfect person to give the office some life, it doesn't follow that he, or any good vice president, would be the perfect replacement president. With that in mind, he is the wrong person for Dukakis to invite into the Dukakis camp.

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Summer job doesn't fulfill expectations of excitement

world to pay the bills - at least that's mart. my excuse. So I got a job working at the center of mass hysteria - K mart.

At first this seemed to be an answer Chapel Hill. My parents agreed to

ummer jobs - we all dread let me stay, seeing the obvious them, and yet we still pursue cultural benefits the summer would These glimpses into the working hold for me in journalism and at K

I then had the summer wrapped up in a neat package: job, writing and free time to hang out with the guys - but the package became soiled and to my prayers - a job secured to the bottom fell out. I've been in the take back to Statesville and convince working world a few weeks and my my parents that I had to stay in hindsight shows me how deceived I was

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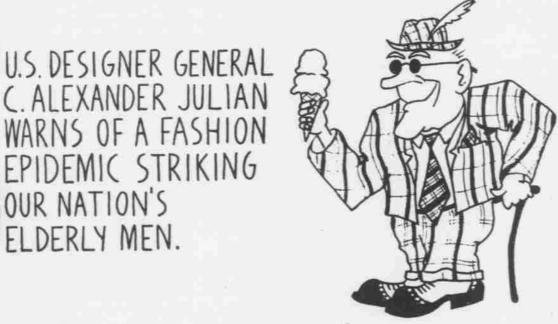
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When I started my job, I found it rather disturbing as the only organization appeared to be the "L" shape we walked to get to the clockroom. I was given a sheet of



paper displaying the rules and reg- the free time, the jokes, the high life? stocking shelves.

or for a \$10 purchase with nickels.

The twilight checkout zone hit last week when I was forced into manual labor after 5 p.m. Closing time rolled in at 9:30, but I had to count all my money to know that it was all there and to prove I'm not embezzling money from the store (as if I'd tell them if I were). I finally escaped, only to realize - I have to be back at 8 a.m.! 'Welcome to an all-expense paid summer in the purgatory of K mart,' was all I could think about on the ride home. Where were the laughs,

ulations which I scanned (first mis- When payday rolled around, I take) and signed (second mistake). I reflected on what I'd gone through received a rundown of the store and to earn the meager wage. I had just then was whisked to the man who received the announcement over the would train me in the ways of intercom for 72 to report to checkouts (the only joy that comes from hearing Next I learned the familiar cry of your number called is that the Air "Price check/Void!" as I entered the Supply/Barry Manilow/Muzak realm of cash registering. This new music is dulled for a brief moment). world included the danger of scan- As the soft music pierced my ears ning an item twice and having to get again 1 raced to the front, but the item voided - I prefer the term somewhere in the sympathy cards, vaporized — while hundreds of right next to the gas grills and archery fuming customers piled up behind the sets, I had to squeal to a halt as the stalled register. Another occupational words, "Excuse me, sir! Sir! I almost hazard occurs when someone pays for slipped in that puddle in the toy a 59-cent purchase with MasterCard section - go over there and walk in it and see how slick it is."

> As I trudged back to the stockroom for a mop, I realized I would someday look back on that day and look down at my tax losses, pour the few nickels left from my paycheck into my pocket, and think out loud,"Man, that was going to be one crazy

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